

**United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
Project Request Summary**

**Subcommittee, Agency and Account Information**

**Subcommittee**

Agriculture

**Agency**

Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service

**Account**

CSREES

**Project Information**

**Project Name**

Preventing Obesity in Low Income Communities

**New Project?**

Yes

**Where is this authorized?**

**Project Description**

Request \$1,000,000 for the Illinois Institute of Technology to establish a partnership with Greater Chicago Food Depository (GCFD), Beloved Community Family Wellness Center (BCFWC) and Grand Boulevard Federation (GBF) and a multidisciplinary team of nutritionists, engineers and behavior psychologists, and the Office of Community Affairs of IIT to conduct studies to: (a) improve education on nutrition, meal planning and lifestyles to modify behavior and choices in food selection among middle school aged children; (b) improve access to healthy foods in low-income communities and assessing its impact on health outcomes; (c) assess the impact of technology on the adoption of healthy eating among middle school aged children; and (d) develop local businesses in low-income communities to provide healthy foods within the community and to propose policy and environmental strategies for preventing childhood obesity.

**What is the benefit or impact of this project?**

**FY2009**

\$0

**FY2008**

\$0

**FY2007**

\$0

**Request Amount**

\$1,000,000

**Intended Recipient of Funds**

Illinois Institute of Technology

10 West 33rd Street

Chicago, IL 60616

**Is the recipient a for-profit entity?**

No

**Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds)**

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